

SENATE BILL 988

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of
Session

Introduced and read first time: March 16, 2011

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Circuit Court – Civil Actions – Waiver of Discovery Deadlines – Informed**
3 **Written Consent**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an attorney who is representing a client in a civil action
5 in a circuit court to obtain informed written consent of a client to waive any
6 discovery deadline set by the court; and generally relating to the waiver of
7 discovery deadlines in civil actions in the circuit courts of the State.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10 Section 6–411

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 **6–411.**

17 **AN ATTORNEY WHO IS REPRESENTING A CLIENT IN A CIVIL ACTION IN A**
18 **CIRCUIT COURT SHALL OBTAIN THE INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE**
19 **CLIENT TO WAIVE ANY DISCOVERY DEADLINE SET BY THE COURT BEFORE**
20 **WAIVING A DISCOVERY DEADLINE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2011.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

